



BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL DWIGHT H. WHELESS

Maj. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless is the National Commander of the of the all-volunteer Civil Air Patrol, a federally chartered nonprofit corporation and the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force headquartered at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

General Wheless' primary duty is to lead CAP's 60,000-plus volunteers in fulfillment of the organization's three congressionally chartered missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education, as well as CAP's increasing role in America's homeland security.

As CAP's National Commander, General Wheless is also a member of both the CAP Board of Governors and CAP National Board — CAP's governing and advisory bodies.

General Wheless joined CAP in 1981 when Coastal Senior Squadron reactivated in Manteo, N.C. In addition to serving as National Commander, he has held positions as National Vice Commander, Member of the CAP Board of Governors, National Legal Officer, Commander of the North Carolina Wing, Chairman of the National Appeal Board, Chairman and Member of the Member Appeal Review Board, and Member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. He has also served on numerous panels and study groups.



For his service, General Wheless has been awarded multiple Distinguished Service medals, Exceptional Service awards, Meritorious Service awards and Commanders commendations.

General Wheless has practiced law in Manteo, N.C., for 36 years — 22 of which were also spent as the Dare County Attorney.

As an active community member, General Wheless has served as: President, Dare County and First Judicial District Bar Associations; Founder and President, North Carolina Airports Association; President, Albemarle Development Authority, Inc.; Chairman, Dare County Morehead Awards Nomination Committee; Chairman, District Bar Review Committee; and President, North Carolina County Attorneys Association. In addition, the general has been a member of various local civic groups.

General Wheless was twice voted the Outstanding County Attorney in North Carolina and has been awarded the state's highest honor for volunteer service, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.